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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) |
| | 10/051,004 | NGAI ET AL. |
| | Examiner Andy S. Rao | Art Unit 2621 |

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the RCE filed on 11/21/05.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5-7,10-17,19,22-27,30-36,38,41-43,45-47,50-57,59 and 62 (respectively renumbered as claims 1-45).
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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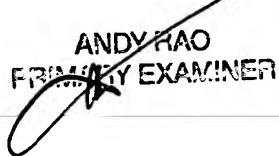
4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____

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PRIMARY EXAMINER



Allowable Subject Matter

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/21/05 has been entered.

2. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-17, 19, 22-27, 30-36, 38, 41-43, 45-47, 50-57, 59 & 62 are allowed.

Independent claims 1, 16, 23, 36, 42, and 56 are directed towards to multiple stream processing of video frames "...wherein said dynamically adapting comprising employing a joint rate control strategy distributed among said multiple encode processes, and wherein each encode process of said multiple encode processes ascertains said at least one input statistic or encode statistic for its respective stream of video frames being encoded- saves said at least one input statistic or encode statistic, and shares said at least one input statistic or encode statistic directly with said multiple encode processes during said exchanging to allow determination by at least-one encode process of the multiple encode processes of a total statistic corresponding to a sum of the at least one input statistics or encode statistics generated by said multiple encode processes and wherein said directly exchanging further comprises sharing the total statistic by the at least one encode process with the multiple encode processes, and responsive to obtaining of the total statistic, at least one encode process employs the total statistic and its own at least one input statistic or encode statistic during said dynamically adapting encoding to facilitate said dynamically adapting encoding of the at least one stream of video frames of the multiple streams of video frames..." which are features that are not anticipated nor obvious over the art of record.

Dependent claims 2-3, 5-7, 10-15, 17, 19, 22, 24-27, 30-35, 38, 41, 43, 45-47, 50-55, 77, 59 & 62 are allowed for the reasons concerning the independent claims.

Conclusion

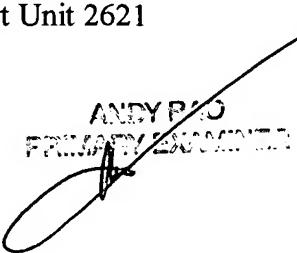
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andy S. Rao whose telephone number is (571)-272-7337. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8 hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on (571)-272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature of "ANDY S. RAO" is written over a printed title "PRIMARY EXAMINER". The signature is in black ink and is somewhat slanted to the right. A small "J" is written near the bottom of the "A" in "ANDY".